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REMARKS

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1. On 23 February 1953, Stalag No I was occupied by a rocket launcher unit. From 18 to 23 February, 50 to 60 soldiers were observed firing with 4 or 5 rocket launchers almost daily. Motor vehicle was seen driving to, and from, the camp. 25X1

2. On 23 February, Stalag No II was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 16, 19 and 20 February, soldiers were seen firing with carbines in the area between the low buildings. At 8:30 a.m. on 21 February, about 62 soldiers carrying carbines and blankets left the camp. Motor vehicles were seen driving to, and from, the camp. 1 25X1

3. On 23 February, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik on Industrie Strasse, Luckenwalde, was occupied by more than 200 soldiers. The officers of the courses were billeted in the Schieferling. About 80 officers were seen going to the installation daily. On 13 February, about 200 soldiers entered the installation. On 17 and 20 February, about 40 soldiers were observed firing with carbines atthe target range which belonged to the installation. 25X1

4. In late January, Colonel Martinov (fnu), the commanding officer, was replaced by another colonel whose name could not be determined. 2

5. On 22 February, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers and guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 10 and 13 February, about 300 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard. At 9 a.m. on 14 February, about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying field equipment left the installation. 2

6. On 22 February, Stalag No I was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 9 and 17 February, there was intensive drilling activity. On 19 February, three rocket launchers were seen entering the camp, coming from the training field. On 17 February, soldiers were seen firing with two rocket launchers in forest sections Nos 51 and 53. Motor vehicle was identified. 25X1

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7. On 22 February, Stalag No II was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. From 8 to 22 February, drilling without arms was noticed. At 10 a.m. on 13 February, about 120 soldiers left the installation and marched toward forest section No 16. Motor vehicle was identified. 1

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8. On 20 February, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied by about 150 men 50 percent of whom were officers. It was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep was seen entering the installation.

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10. On 20 February, the east section of Stalag No I was occupied by 50 to 60 soldiers of a signal unit and the west section by 150 to 170 soldiers of a rocket launcher unit. On 17 February, about 10 trucks including two with a rod antenna, about 2 meters high; and two canvas-covered 132-mm rocket launchers were seen in the billeting area. 1

1. Comment. confirm the occupation of Stalags Nos I and II as being unchanged. The firing practices with rocket launchers were held in the northeast section of the Jueterbog troop training grounds.

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2. Comment. A training unit of the Third Gds Mech Army is stationed in the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik and the officers billets am Schieferling. The unit was commanded by a Gds Colonel Petrov (fnu) prior to 1951 and, since 1951, by Colonel Martinov (fnu), mentioned in the present report, who is known here.

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